wind has just shifted fair to go up the Bay I shall be able to Inform July 30 you by my next what course they take, one of the Transports is on Red Book ground on Welloughby's Point, tho I can't think if they were bound Letter 55 to sea they could wait for her.

[Uriah Forrest Leonard Town, to His Excellency Governor Lee] August 4 Humanity alone induces me to gratify the request of Joshua Red Book No. 26 Hebb one of the drafts in this County addressing your Excellency Letter 112 relating to his Situation. This poor man has five small Children all of whom are in the Hooping Cough and expects every Hour that his Wife will furnish him with a sixth. They have nothing to depend on for subsistance but His labour. What then will be the distress of this family should not your Excellency & the Honorable Council discharge him?

There are only two others among the whole of these drafts that I know of (and I have taken some Pains to inform myself of their respective situations) that I think merit the Interposition of your honble Board. These are Clerk Spalding & Luke Mattingly both of whom are very Poor, Rent Land and have a number of Children who must inevitably starve if these Men are not permitted to return As they bring with them recommendations from Colonel Barnes & Certificates from their most Respectable Neighbours which will have more weight than any thing I cou'd say.

[Job Garrettson, Baltimore Town, to the Governor and Council.] August 4

The hearer hereof, Henry Oram is a very poor man and to my knowledge has Six or Seven small Children, and no manner of support for them only his own Labour, has but a small stock of any kind & scarcely £20 worth of moveable whether Stock or furniture. I am well convinced that its from religious Principles that he has neglected to attend the Military Duty when called on by his Officers, his Land now lays under Execution for a fine of 20£ he has not above 60 or 70 acres of very poor & indifferent Land The timber entirely Cut of so that it will sell for but little more than what will pay of the fine & feehe is also drafted to go to camp which renders his case more deplorable, and unless he should be released by your Excellency & your Honble Council from his fine it will most probably end in the total ruin of himself & helpless family the above considerations have moved me to represent him as an object worthy of the Clemency of your Excellency & Honble Council

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The humble petition of Henry Oarum to your Excellency & Honours Sheweth That your Petitioner having a Wife and Seven Small Children and being Possesor of about Seventy Acres of poor